



# Teen Naturalist Club

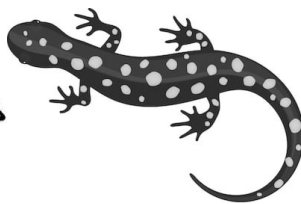
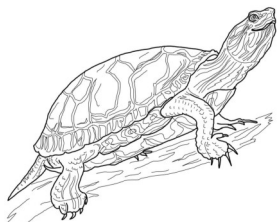
***Attention York County high school students interested in nature, conservation, and wildlife!!***

Register now for the first teen naturalist club season at the York County Parks!

Kick-off Mini Season: January—August 2020

First Full Year: September 2020—August 2021

Membership Fee: \$125 per year OR \$75 discounted rate for committing to donate 40 volunteer hours. Scholarship information available upon request.



## TO APPLY:

Please email Kelsey Frey, Manager of Education, [kafrey@yorkcountypa.gov](mailto:kafrey@yorkcountypa.gov), your answers to the following prompts. Spaces limited—don't wait!

1. What is your name, age, grade, and the two best ways to contact you?
2. What outdoor activities do you currently enjoy? How often do you participate in these activities?
3. What's an environmental or science related topic that you care about?
4. What are two reasons you'd like to be a part of Teen Naturalist Club?
5. What's your favorite plant, and why?



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## Kick Off Mini Season 2020 Schedule:

**Fri, January 17, 6pm—Pizza & Owling at Nixon Park**

Get to know other members of the group over dinner in the museum, then learn how and when to observe owls in the wild.

**Sat, Feb 22, 7am—Middle Creek WMA Field Trip**

Wake up early and meet the crew at Rudy Park. Load in the vans and drive to this epic winter birding location. Use binoculars and scopes to check out the ducks, snow geese, and tundra swans that visit Southern PA only in winter!

**Jan-Mar—Volunteer at Sugaring Days and/or Sap Boiling**

Learn to make maple syrup at Nixon Park by joining the sugaring team. Help with collecting sap or boiling throughout Jan-Mar based on weather conditions. Volunteer to educate visitors about the sugaring process during the public program dates of Feb 29 and March 7.

**March TBD, evening—Herping Trip(s)**

When the perfect weather conditions occur, join park naturalists at a nearby gameland to search for early spring amphibians including treefrogs, wood frogs, and spotted salamanders.

**Sat, April 18—Shenk's Ferry Wildflower Preserve**

Meet at Nixon Park, carpool in park vans to Shenk's Ferry in Lancaster County for a woodland hike. Discover and photograph 15+ species of spring wildflowers and maybe even some migrating birds.

**Sat, May 9—Spring Hike at Rocky Ridge**

Explore the awesome boulders, woodland trails, and woodland creeks at Rocky Ridge County Park with park naturalists.

**Sat, June 6—Boating at Lake Redman**

Practice your skills at canoeing, kayaking, aqua biking, and stand-up paddle-boarding for fun or to prepare for summer camp!

**June—August—Volunteer at Nature Camp!**

Sign up to be a Leader-in-Training for an entire week of summer camp! Encourage and inspire kids to have a fun and positive week outdoors.

**Sat, June 27-Sun, July 5—Volunteer During Reptile Week**

Educate park visitors at education stations throughout the event while handling live animals. Help set-up and tear-down the event before and after dates listed above.

**Wed, July 1—Reptile Week Dinner Party**

Explore the live animal collection without the public around. Take photos, ask questions, & enjoy the event after hours!

Additional group activities and volunteer opportunities such as tree plantings, lake clean-ups, and weekend events will be scheduled based on member interests.